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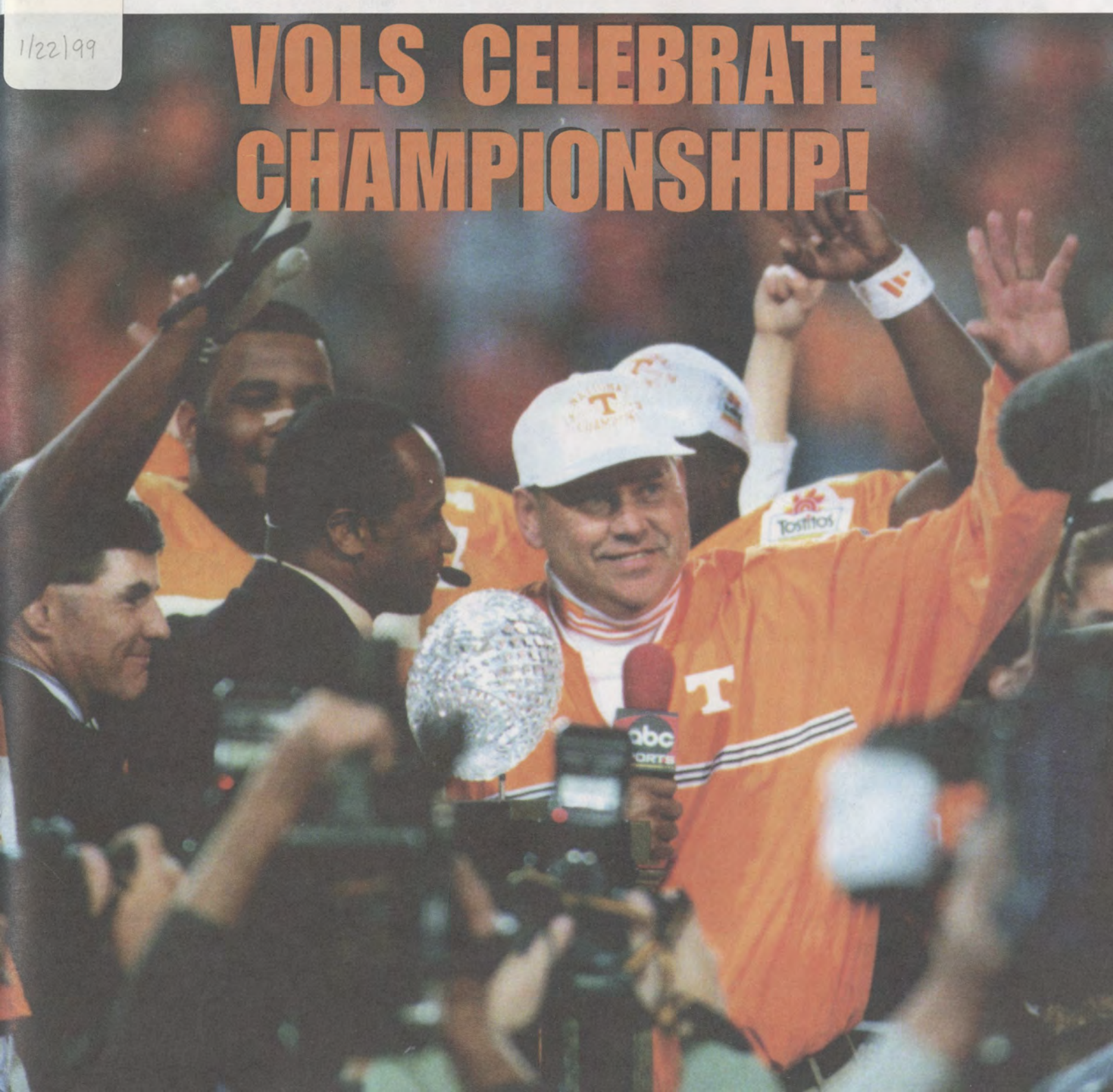

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FROM THE EDITOR. . .

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION TO BE HELD JANUARY 30

Vowing to hold an event "worthy of a champion," Tennessee athletic director Doug Dickey today switched a welcome-home celebration for the football team from Thompson-Boling Arena and Assembly Center to Neyland Stadium with its more than 100,000 seats.

He also changed the date of the rally from Jan. 16 to Saturday, Jan. 30, to avoid a number of conflicts in scheduling. Tennessee students, for instance, will not be on campus Jan. 16 because of the Martin Luther King holiday Jan. 18. The program will begin at 1 p.m. "Judging by the overwhelming number of phone calls we are receiving, we simply do not believe Thompson-Boling Arena with 25,000 seats is large enough to accommodate the fans who want the opportunity to congratulate the Vols in person," Dickey said. "We will make this homecoming worthy of a champion by making sure we have room for every-one who wants to be a part of it."

The University of Florida two years ago staged a welcoming celebration for its national championship team that attracted a crowd of 65,000. "I am sure Tennessee fans will turn out in greater numbers than the Gators," Dickey said.

By relocating to Neyland Stadium, Dickey noted, the reception will be able to include game-day activities associated with the Home of the Vois as a football setting. As an example, the team will be introduced to the crowd through the "T" formed by the Pride of the Southland Marching Band.

"With these traditional customs and tentative plans for a video highlight presentation from a giant screen, we hope to create an aura of reenactment of the wonderful 1998 season," Dickey said. A scheduled parade in conjunction with the rally has been scrapped, he added.

One of the highlights of the event will be the presentation of the Volunteers' national championship trophies from both the Associated Press writers' and the *ESPN/USA Today* coaches' polls along with recognition for Coach Phillip Fulmer as national coach of the year.

There will be no admission charge, and free parking will be available on campus, Dickey said.

For more on the celebration see pages 4-7.

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Fiesta Bowl...

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In a setting that Knoxville has not seen in years, the University of Tennessee will welcome tens of thousands of fans for a celebration worthy of the feat that the Vols acomplished on Jan. 4.

In what is expected to be one of the largest crowds to celebrate a national championship, University officials have spent the last week making preparations for what could be 100,000-plus Orange clad fans who will descend upon this campus on Jan. 30. The time for the celebration is set for 1 p.m. and gates will open to the public at approximately 11 a.m. There is no charge to attend the event and parking will also be free of charge.

Fans who want to make a day of it can do so by also making plans to attend the men's basketball game that night as the Vols will take on the Alabama Crimson Tide at Thompson-Boling Arena at 6 p.m or attend the swimming and diving meet between the men's squad and the University of Georgia. The meet is scheduled to get underway at 11 a.m. at the UT Aquatic Center. Tickets for the basketball game can be purchased either the day of the game or by calling (423) 656-1200 or for Tennessee residents, call (800) 332-8657.

Plans to have the event held the weekend of Jan. 16 just could not be worked out in time and there were numerous scheduling conflicts with public officials, and UT students being out of town for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

The celebration is going to be one of the biggest single events to hit Knoxville in some years and has several Tennessee television stations broadcasting the event back live to their towns. SportsSouth is in town to cover the basketball game that evening and has expressed interest in taping the event. Either way fans, this is an event that you will want to be a part of. Bring your colors and show your spirit as the University of Tennessee recognizes the 1998 National Champions - Tennessee Volunteers.

Let's fill Neyland Stadium and show America who has the most loyal and dedicated fans. Football and national championships in the South, it couldn't be any better.

IN OTHER NOTES

FULMER NAMED AFCA COACH OF THE YEAR: Fresh off his team's 23-16 win over Florida State and selection as consensus national champion, Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer is in Nashville tonight to receive the I-A GTE Coach of the Year award from the American Football Coaches` Association. Fulmer joins former Vol head coach Bowden Wyatt (1956) as a recipient of the AFCA award.

Fulmer led the 1998 Vols to a 13-0 record, first 13-win season in school history, a second consecutive SEC title and the school's first national championship since 1951. His career winning percentage of .859 is best among active Division I-A head coaches with at least six years' experience. He has a career record of 67-11 at Tennessee. The Vols have posted double-digit wins five times in his tenure at Tennessee, 10-2 in 1993, 11-1 in 1995, 10-2 in 1996, 11-2 in 1997 and 13-0 this past season.

He reached the 50-win plateau faster than any coach in SEC history, with 50 wins in his first 60 games as a head coach. The Vols are 34-4 over the past three seasons, including a 24-2 record in SEC play. Fulmer was previously named Region 2 Coach of the Year in 1993.

The AFCA has named a Coach of the Year every year since 1935. The University of Tennessee will receive a $10,000 academic scholarship from the AFCA that can be used at the discretion of the athletic director to benefit the athletic department and its student-athletes. Winners are selected by vote of the active AFCA members at four-year schools.

Senior Al Wilson played a major role in the attitude the defense took on this season and capped his career with a stellar performance. FTT photo.

What Others Said...

"The national championship trophy is cloaked in orange, a testament to the Vols' extraordinary season. The doubts of the spring gave way to the expectations of the fall and, ultimately, that glorious evening in the Arizona desert, where all of college football was forced to take one step back and salute Tennessee after a 23-16 victory over Florida State."

David Climer, The Tennessean

"No doubt. No question. No argument. The unbeaten team in the Tang-orange jerseys finished running the table Monday night by beating Florida State, 23-16, and answered the question "Who's No. 1?" Tennessee is No. 1. Tennessee is 13-0. Tennessee is unmatched. Unrivaled. Unparalleled. Unexcelled. Incomparable."

David Casstevens, The Arizona Republic

"They came West searching for respect, and fittingly, found it in a stadium between two rocky tops. No. 1-ranked Tennessee, thanks to the appropriately named receiver Peerless Price and a stifling defense, defeated No. 2 Florida State, 23-16, in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night, clinching the school's first national championship since 1951."

Kent Somers, The Arizona Republic

"Tennessee turned a rocky night for Florida State into a Rocky Top celebration Monday night, defeating the Seminoles, 23-16, to win the Fiesta Bowl and the school's first national championship since 1951. Volunteer fans turned the Sun Devil Stadium field into a swarm of orange after the victory before a crowd of 80,470, a hugfest that ended in a chorus of the Tennessee Waltz."

Chris Dufresne, Los Angeles Times

"And so the final game ended like every weekend in this splendid college football season has ended. A prize hanging in the air. Everybody waiting and watching and wondering. Who would get it? Which way would it fall? Would it make sense when it did? On this cool, fiery night in the desert, the jewel was not a computer ranking, but a football. Standing underneath it was not some rhetoric-spewing coach, but one 22-year-old college kid. The pass soared across the field and drifted down toward Tennessee's Peerless Price as he stood one step ahead of Florida State's Mario Edwards. Would he catch it? Would this be the play that would make this craziest season make sense? He did, and it was, and it was perfect."

Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times

"This time, the football was his. This time, Peerless Price would latch onto Tee Martin's pass. He stumbled, then righted himself and sped away to a game-breaking touchdown, to a national championship, to - a permanent spot in Tennessee lore."

Dave Caldwell, The Dallas Morning News

"Tickets to the first Bowl Championship Series title game: $135 face value. Official program for the 1999 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl: $10. Bus ride for sponsors' guests to the game: free. Tennessee wide receiver No. 37: Peerless. With just over nine minutes left in the ultimate college football game of the 1998 season and his undefeated No. 1-ranked team clinging to a 14-9 lead, Peerless Price all but ended any argument about what team should be crowned."

Kevin B. Blackistone, The Dallas Morning News

"Some say it was ugly. The Vols say it was just about the prettiest game they've ever seen. The fumbles? Gorgeous. The penalties? Lovely. The final score? So pretty, it will make orange hearts ache. Tennessee 23, Florida State 16. And you can frame that and put it on your walls."

Geoff Calkins, Memphis Commercial-Appeal

"Thanks to a man named Peerless, Tennessee has no peer in college football. Peerless Price's electrifying 79-yard, fourth-quarter scoring reception lifted Tennessee to a 23-16 victory over Florida State last night in the Fiesta Bowl national title game, capping the school's best-ever 13-0 season and the second undisputed national championship in its vaunted history."

Luke Cypers, New York Daily News

"Rocky Top Tennessee reached the mountaintop with its first national title since 1951 in a 23-16 victory over Florida State in the 28th Fiesta Bowl before a Sun Devil Stadium record crowd of 80,470. Tennessee's climb was neither particularly easy nor particularly artistic. But with a defense as true as a blue tick hound and a Peerless senior wide receiver, the Volunteers completed their first 13-0 season while leaving some to wonder if Florida State even belonged."

Jack Magruder, The Arizona Daily Star

"Last night at Sun Devil Stadium, the top-ranked Vols (13-0) completed their first perfect season since 1938 with a 23-16 Fiesta Bowl win over No. 2 Florida State (11-2) that gave them their first national championship in 47 years. Perhaps it's time they even got some respect. As Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said last week, they might not look like much — until you're the one lining up across from them."

Mike Kern, Philadelphia Daily News

"The University of Tennessee mounted its Rocky Top of college football, 47 years and one month to the day it last ascended the mount, and there was only one word to describe the feeling: Peerless. Peerless Price, the receiver named for a moving company, packed up and transported the Volunteers to a 23-16 victory over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship last night."

Chuck Finder, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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CELEBRATION STORY (CONTINUED)...

VOL PLAYERS IN POST-SEASON GAMES, COPELAND, READO TO PLAY IN INAUGURAL ALL-STAR GRIDIRON CLASSIC: Tennessee wide receiver **Jeremaine Copeland** and offensive tackle **Jarvis Reado** played in the Inaugural All-Star Gridiron Classic, sponsored by Damp Rid, Jan. 16 in Orlando, Fla. The game featured players from Florida schools against all-stars from the rest of the country.

The contest was telecast on ESPN 2. The game was produced by Florida Citrus Sports, the same organization which sponsors the Florida Citrus Bowl, and proceeds will benefit the Buoniconti Fund in the quest to cure spinal cord paralysis.

Copeland will join running back **Shawn Bryson,** defensive back **Steve Johnson**, wide receiver **Peerless Price** and placekicker **Jeff Hall** as Tennessee representatives at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23.

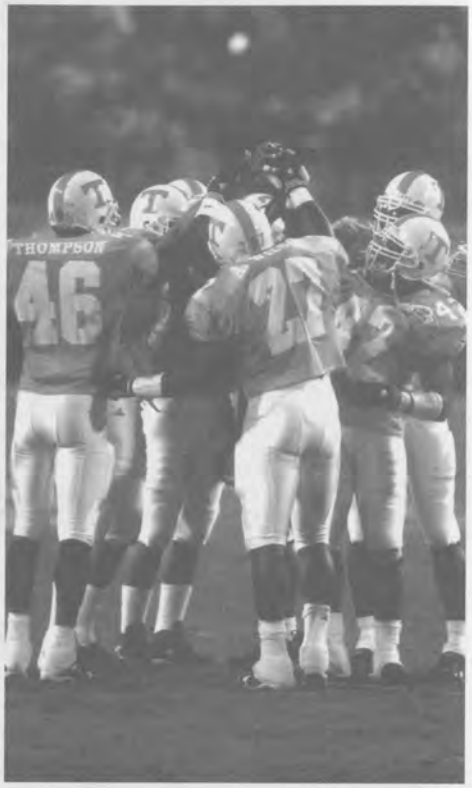
Hall, who also played in the East-West Game in Palo Alto, Calif., Jan. 9, and defensive end **Corey Terry** are scheduled to play in the Hula Bowl Jan. 24 in Honolulu.

WALKER AND GOODRICH TO REMAIN AT TENNESSEE: Junior defensive tackle Darwin Walker and defensive back Dwayne Goodrich have decided to stay for their senior year at the University of Tennessee as annonced on Jan. 8 at the Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex.

Walker, who had been pndering the draft for several weeks, made his announcement that afternoon. Walker stated that getting his degree was a main factor in his decision to stay at the University.

Goodrich, the Defensive MVP of the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, had a conversation with head coach Phillip Fulmer and indicated his intention to remain in school as well.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff



Top (left to right): Peerless Price garnered Offensive MVP honors, while the defense overshadowed Florida State's as the stingy Vols shut down the potent Seminole attack. Bottom: Aside from passing records, yards and TDs, Tee will be remembered for going 13-0 and being a part of a national champion. People do not remember how you start as much as how you finish. Football Time in Tennessee photos.

Itinerary for Championship Celebration. . .

11:00 a.m. - Gates Open
-Replay of Tostitos Fiesta Bowl w/ John Ward audio

12:00 p.m. - Team Walk from Complex to Stadium

12:30 p.m. - Band March to Stadium

1:00 p.m. - Bobby Denton makes pre-game announcements

1:00 p.m. - Band performs Pre-game routine and forms "T"

1:15 p.m. - Team runs through "T"

1:30 p.m. - Watch Highlight Video on Big Screen

2:00 p.m. - Formal presentations of trophies and speeches

Tennessee Statistics vs. Florida State - Fiesta Bowl

Team Statistics	TENN	FSU
First Down	16	13
Rushing	4	9
Passing	8	4
Penalty	4	0
Rushing Attempts	45	41
Yards Gained	127	176
Yards Lost	13	68
Net Yards Rushing	114	108
Net Yards Passing	278	145
Passes Attempted	19	22
Passes Completed	11	9
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	64	63
Total Net Yards	392	253
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-1
Int. Return/Yards	2-74	2-69
Penalties/Yards	9-55	12-110
3rd Down Conversions	1-12	4-15
4th Down Conversions	1-1	1-1
Punts/Average	5-38.0	9-39.8
Punt Returns/Yards	4-34	2-51
Kickoff Returns/Yards	3-43	4-52
Sacks By/Yards	4-31	1-3
Time of Possession	31:10	28:50

SCORE BY QUARTER

FLORIDA ST.	**0**	**9**	**0**	**7 — 16**
TENNESSEE	**0**	**14**	**0**	**9 — 23**

SCORING SUMMARY

2T - Bryson, pass from Martin 4. Hall kick.
Drive: 6 plays, 88 yards, 2:02 possession, 14:05 on clock.
2T - Goodrich, interception return 54. Hall kick.
Drive:13:40 on clock.
2F - McCray, run 1. Kick failed.
Drive:3 plays, 3 yards, 1:18 possession, 8:59 on clock.
2F - Janikowski, FG 34.
Drive: 10 plays, 10 yards, 4:33 possession, 1:17 on clock.
4T - Price, pass from Martin 79. Kick failed.
Drive:3 plays, 80 yards, 1:24 possession, 9:17 on clock.
4T - Hall, FG 23.
Drive: 6 plays, 22 yards, 2:55 possession, 6:01 on clock.
4F - Outzen, run 7. Janikowski kick.
Drive: 5 plays, 49 yards, 2:19 possession, 3:42 on clock.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
TENNESSEE						
Stephens	13	61	1	60	0	18
Henry	19	32	4	28	0	9
T. Martin	10	27	8	19	0	20
Bryson	3	7	0	7	0	4
Totals	**45**	**127**	**13**	**114**	**0**	**20**
FLORIDA STATE						
Minor	15	91	8	83	0	23
Warrick	1	11	0	11	0	11
McCray	4	9	0	9	1	7
Coles	2	10	6	4	0	10
Glenn	1	2	0	2	0	2
Outzen	18	53	54	-1	1	10
Totals	*41*	*176*	*68*	*108*	*2*	*23*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
TENNESSEE						
T. Martin	18	11	2	278	2	79
Henry	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**19**	**11**	**2**	**278**	**2**	**79**
FLORIDA STATE						
Outzen	22	9	2	145	0	39

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
TENNESSEE				
Price	4	199	1	79
Bryson	3	34	1	22
Copeland	1	15	0	15
Finlayson	1	14	0	14
Henry	1	9	0	9
C.Wilson	1	7	0	7
Totals	**11**	**278**	**2**	**79**
FLORIDA STATE				
Dugans	6	135	0	39
McCray	1	11	0	11
Warrick	1	7	0	7
Minor	1	-8	0	-8
Totals	*9*	*145*	*0*	*39*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	LP
TENNESSEE				
Leaverton	5	190	38.0	47
FLORIDA STATE				
Cottrell	9	358	39.8	60

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
TENNESSEE					
Parker	4	34	8.5	0	17
FLORIDA STATE					
Warrick	1	51	51.0	0	51
Durden	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	*2*	*51*	*25.5*	*0*	*51*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
TENNESSEE					
Price	2	43	21.5	0	22
FLORIDA STATE					
Durden	3	44	14.7	0	24
McCray	1	8	8.0	0	8
Totals	*4*	*52*	*13.0*	*0*	*24*

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	LK
TENNESSEE						
Hall	1-1	0-1	0-0-	0-0	0-0	23
FLORIDA STATE						
Janikowski	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	34

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	TD	Long
TENNESSEE				
Goodrich	1	54	1	54
S.Johnson	1	20	0	20
Totals	**2**	**74**	**1**	**54**
FLORIDA STATE				
Gibson	1	43	0	43
Jackson	1	26	0	26
Totals	*2*	*69*	*0*	*43*

Fulmer File...

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!!!

You would think that after Tennessee wins the national championship, there would be time to sit back, reflect and savor the moment.

Well, think again. Maybe sometime next July we'll have a few days off to let it fully soak in about what this courageous and resourceful football team accomplished by going a 13-game schedule undefeated.

In the meantime, however, time stands still for nobody. There's plenty to keep the head coach's plate filled. I've been on the move with the vital work of recruiting, the necessity of keeping our coaching staff operating at a high level and otherwise carrying out the assorted duties of the job.

Ah, but we won't have to wait until July for a celebration after all. At least we will have one day for the fans to salute the Vols and for the team to give a heartfelt thanks to the fans in return.

The National Championship Celebration is what it's called, and it will take place Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30, at that most fitting location, Neyland Stadium. It won't surprise me if as many as 70,000 to 80,000 fans turn out for this joyous occasion.

The people making the arrangements, like Senior Associate Athletic Director Gary Wyant, are doing a lot of things to recreate part of the game-day atmosphere. As examples, the team will parade down Volunteer Boulevard to the stadium, and the Pride of the Southland Marching Band will perform on the field.

Capping the afternoon's activities will be the presentation of our national championship trophies, representing both the coaches' poll and the AP's. The gates will open at 10:30 and the program will officially get under way at 1 p.m. It would be great if everybody who reads this letter would come and bring your families for what promises to be an exciting afternoon.

As I said, working on staff organization has been a high priority with me. As a head coach, you are always happy for your assistants when they are offered jobs with more responsibility. Even though I hated to see them leave, I knew it was flattering to our program that other schools, trying to emulate our success, hired David Cutcliffe, Kevin Ramsey, Kurt Roper, Marion Hobby, Jerry Colquitt and Gerry Dickey. I appreciate what each of them contributed toward the University of Tennessee's national championship.

In each case, it is our goal to replace them with quality people who will carry on the good work for UT. Incidentally, in his first assignment, I thought new offensive coordinator Randy Sanders performed like an old trooper. Thinking back, I realize Randy couldn't have stepped into a greater pressure cooker: coaching the offense with the national championship on the line. He never wavered.

Like everything else involving our football team, it was a team effort. Led by Sanders, our offensive staff gave an excellent accountning of itself by taking on Florida State's top-ranking defense and coming out on the winning side of the score.

I am proud of our entire team and coaching staff -- offense, defense, special teams -- for the vital contribution they made to the lore of Tennessee Vols football. We've got a lot to celebrate. When you review the season game by game, you realize how important it was that so many Vols stood up and made the big plays when we needed them.

I don't know about you, but I'm already looking forward to spring practice for the 1999 season. In the meantime, I am pleased that we are going to have a full-fledged celebration of the Vols' national championship in which the fans with their unflagging support and loyalty played a huge role. I thank you on behalf of the team and the staff.

—Phillip Fulmer

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Ben Byrd on the Vols - Two Decades after Ernie & Bernie

More than two decades have rolled past since they played their last game for Tennessee, but they are still vivid in memory's eye. Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King, the most celebrated tandem in Vol cage history, the magnificent players who gave the Ernie and Bernie Show its name.

One can still see Grunfeld, using his thick body as a moving shield, alternatley muscling and finessing his defender to the basket. And we must look more quickly to keep up with King's lightning moves in the post area. They were, indeed, a terrific twosome.

And yet somehow this wonderful era of UT basketball came to a disappointing end. Their swan song was more of a dirge than an anthem. Soundly favored in the first round of the 1977 NCAA Tournament at Baton Rouge, King and Grunfeld and their fellow Southeastern Conference champion Vols lost to an upstart Syracuse team in overtime, 93-88.

There were no tomorrows left for the two players who had brought Tennessee its greatest-ever national recognition. Grunfeld's four varsity seasons were behind him. King turned pro in the next NBA draft.

Like other Vol cage followers, I have sometimes pondered the whys and wherefores of that bitter loss. My feeling was that this was one UT team in history that was strong enough in talent and experience to have won the NCAA Championship. Remember, King and Grunfeld were not alone. The rest of the starting five included sophomore Reggie Johnson, later an All-American, the often brilliant senior Mike Jackson, and a sophomore point guard of considerable gifts in Johnny Darden. The team lacked an inside giant, but many other teams have won the big prize without a seven-footer.

This also turned out to be coach Ray Mears' last game, and I have always thought that the two events were related. Mears, who had changed his offense from show to fast to accommodate King and Grunfeld, had suffered a recurrence of mental depression in the preseason and had missed a few early games, and I am just not sure that he was ever really his old self again. He seemed to have to struggle to do the ordinary things that he had once done almost automatically. A one hundred percent Mears, I think, might well have changed the destiny of that team and that season.

Then, too, there seemed to be a dark cloud hanging over the Vols in the NCAA playoffs in those days. Mears' first NCAA appearance ten years earlier had ended in a one-point loss to Dayton. And in the 1976 tourney, King was sidelined by a broken finger and had to sit and watch as his mates bowed to an outmanned VMI team in Charlotte. And then, in the King-Grunfeld finale at Baton Rouge, both Vol All-Americans fouled out, King in the second half and Grunfeld in the overtime.

Despite that unhappy ending, King and Grunfeld left us with a thick album of rich memories. The two New York City products, Grunfled from the Forest Hills Area, and King from the Brooklyn housing projects, represented gigantic recruiting coups for assistant coach Stu Aberdeen, and neither of them wasted any time in making his impact felt. In his debut as a freshman in 1973, Grunfeld scored 28 points against North Texas State. A year later King burst onto the scene with a 42-point performance against Milwaukee-Wisconsin.

In their first season together, 1974-75, King averaged 26.4 points per game and Grunfeld 23.8. In 1975-76 Grunfeld averaged 25.3 and King 25.2. In their last season together, 1976-77, King averaged 25.8 and Grunfeld 22.8. Grunfeld ranks second behind Allan Houston on the all-time Vol scoring list with 2219 points in four seasons. King is No. 6 with 1962 in only three seasons. And King is second on the all-time career rebounding list with 1004, trailing only Gene Tormohlen's 1113. Tormohlen was also a three -year varsity player.

But mere numbers don't tell the story of the terrific twosome's majestic play. Ernie and Bernie led the Vol cagers to some of the school's most unforgettable victories. For instance, they sparked the Vols to four consecutive victories over arch-rival Kentucky by sweeping the home-and-home sets in '76 and '77. In '76 at Lexington, Grunfeld scored 43 points to engineer a wild 90-88 overtime win after King had scored on an unbelievable follow-up shot as he fell to the floor to send the game into an extra period.

The Vols won the SEC championship in '77, the last King-Grunfeld season, after losing the '76 title in a double overtime shootout to Alabama at Tuscaloosa, That may well have been the most exciting basketball game in SEC history. The twoteams swapped baskets at a furious pace from buzzer to buzzer, with Both King and Grunfeld fouling out for UT and ace Leon Douglas fouling out for Alabama late in regulation time. Mike Jackson kept the Vols in it through the two OT periods, but the home team ultimately prevailed, 93-90.

Although they were both prolific scorers, neither King nor Grunfeld was a selfish player. They would always give the ball up if a teammate had a better shot. They carried their considerable skills on into distinguished NBA careers, and King made a number of all-star teams with the New York Knicks when Ernie was one of his teammates. Grunfeld is now the general manager of the Knicks.

Former Vol

Lloyd Richardson (1971-73)

Lloyd Richardson came from Rogersville in the recruiting class of 1969-70, one which included Mike Edwards and Eddie Voelker.

He played three years for the Vols and was captain of the 1972 SEC Championship team as a junior.

It was a great time in Tennessee hoops history the Vols and Kentucky fought down the home stretch for the SEC crown each year. The Vols were 13-5, 14-4, and 13-5 in the conference during his time as a Vol.

He was named the team's Most Improved Player in 1971, winning the Lowell Blanchard Award.

He is with the Lloyd Richardson Agency in Knoxville and has served as president of the Lettermen's T-Club.

Lloyd Richardson was an integral part of three of the best teams in Vol history during his time on the Hill.

Tennessee News and Notes...

Tennis Center Dedication

The University held a ceremony on Jan. 16 at the UT Tennis Center prior to a match with UT-Chattanooga. The facility will now be known as the Goodfriend Tennis Center in honor of Knoxville tennis patrons Bob and Wendy Goodfriend.

The facility has four courts and seating for 500 fans and includes a reception area and concession stand. It is the first indoor on-campus facility in UT history and played host to the 1998 SEC Indoor Tennis Championships.

Leadoff Banquet

The Tennessee baseball squad will hold its annual "Leadoff Banquet" on Feb. 1 at Thompson-Boling Arena.

This year's guests speaker will be former Los Angeles Dodger outfielder Brett Butler. Butler spent 17 years in the majors, retiring in 1997. He was selected to the All-Star game in 1991. He spent three seasons (81-83) in Atlanta, three with the San Francisco Giants (88-90), one season with the Cleveland Indians (84-87), and six seasons with the Dodgers (91-97) with a brief stint with the New York Mets in 1995 before returning to the Dodgers before the end of the 1995 season.

For ticket information, please call (423) 974-1218.

Lady Vols Bury Michigan

The 16th-ranked University of Tennessee Lady Vol swimming and diving team rang in the new year with a 186-109 victory over No. 10 Michigan on Saturday, Jan. 9, in the Student Aquatic Center.

Tennessee moves to 5-0 on the season in dual action and Michigan now sits at 4-3.

The Lady Vols got off the blocks first to start the meet, opening with a first place finish in the 400y medley relay. The unit of senior Cary Conley, freshman Monica Shannahan, sophomore Pam Hanson and junior Teresa Moodie recorded a time of 3:51.79. UT continued its winning ways throughout the meet, securing first place in 13 of the 16 events. Moodie, Shannahan and Hanson added to their relay performance as each secured top finishes in two individual events.

Hanson's time of 2:02.43 for first in the 200y back was the fastest on the squad this season.

Tennessee divers concluded a successful week by sweeping both events. Sophomore Jane Woodard captured the crown on the one-meter springboard with a score of 288.45. Her finish was the top score on the team this season and moves her to third on the Lady Vol all-time list of divers and eighth among performances. For the second time within a week's time, sophomore Lizzy Flynt claimed first place, winning the three-meter springboard at 325.50.

Her score was also the top on the Lady Vol list for the season and she jumps to third on the all-time list. Flynt won the three-meter on Monday at the Georgia Invitational.

Michigan added points to the board in the 100y freestyle, with a first-place finish by junior Shannon Shakespeare and a third-place performance by senior Jennie Eberwein.

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—*Volunteers Magazine Staff*

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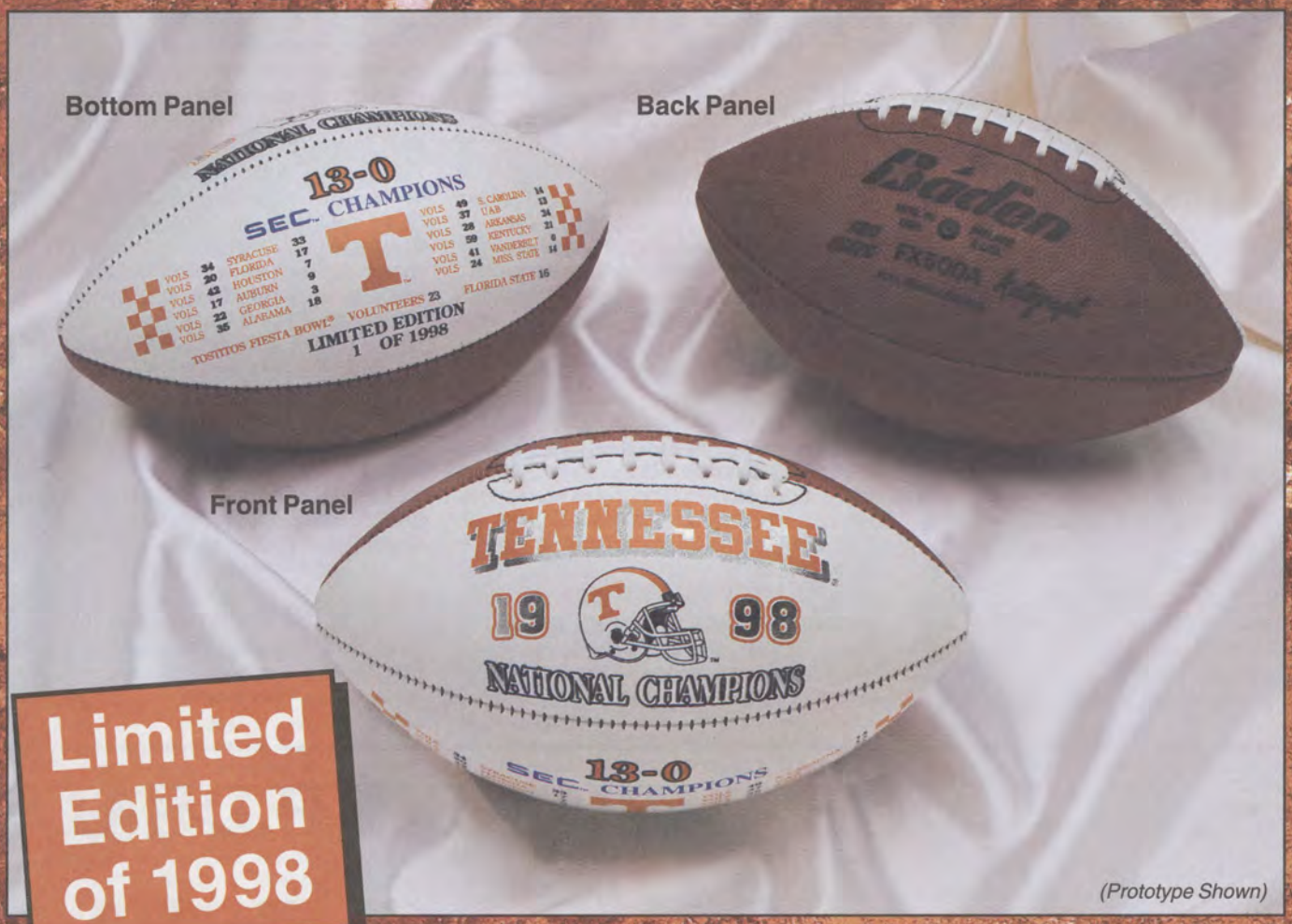

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Michael E. Hamilton
Associate Athletic Director
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Clip & Save

Vol fans, clip and save this column. Bring it with you to have a blast on "Super Saturday" (Jan. 30 before the Jan. 31 Super Bowl) when coming over to the UT campus. Here is an itinerary of this one day full of exciting events. Three of the four events even offer free admission and parking as well. Start the morning by coming over to the...

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beginning at 9 a.m. to watch the No. 12-ranked Tennessee netters take on either Wake Forest, Indiana or William & Mary at the 1999 O'Charley's Tennis Classic. This exciting event stretches from Jan. 30 to Jan. 31. Nathan Kirkham (423 / 974-1212) has more information about this event. After a few hours of tennis action, stroll on over to the...

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—Compiled by Steve Sams

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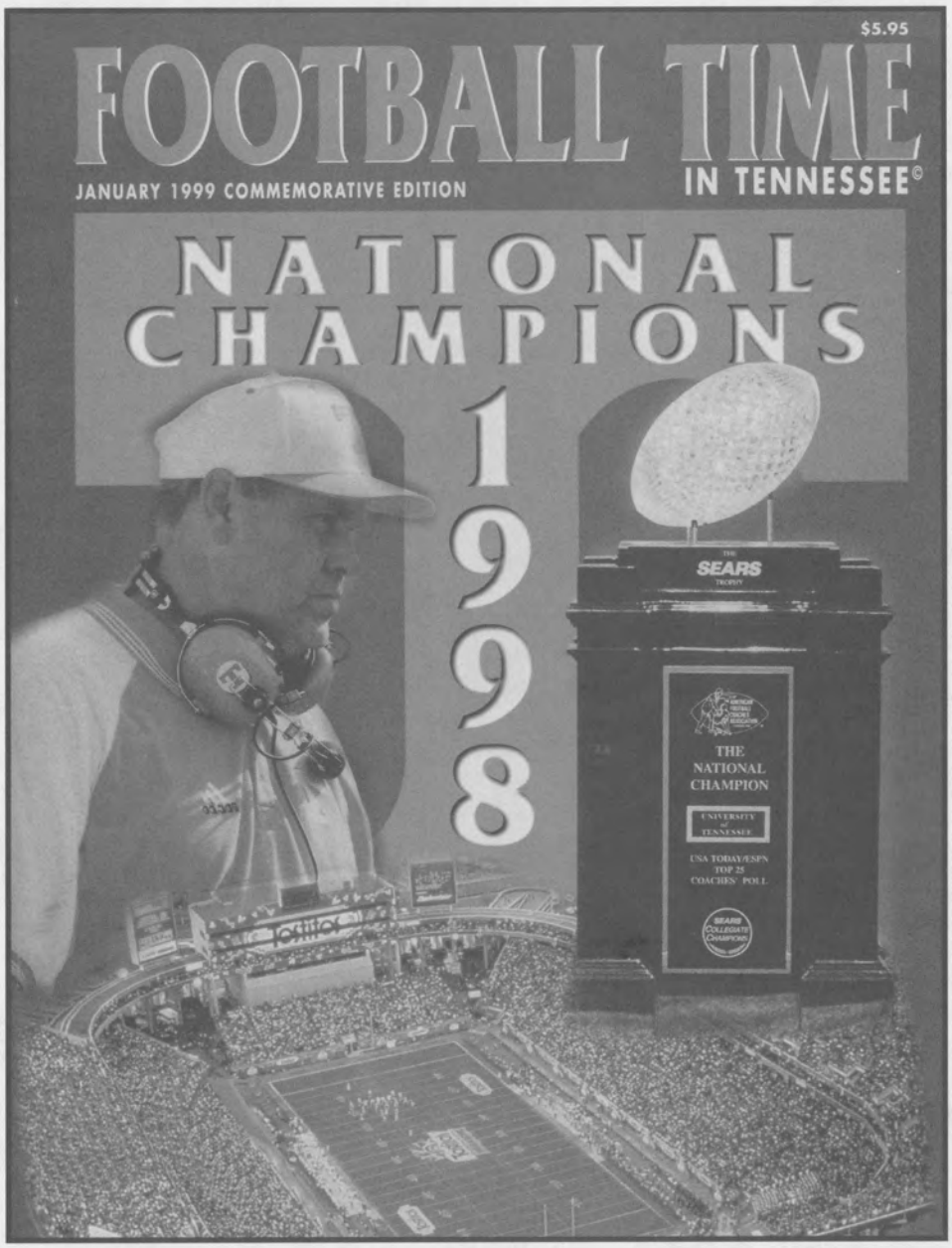

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This Week In Big Orange Country

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A standing room only crowd was on hand at the Indiana Jones Theater to watch 15 of the nation's top spirit programs battle it out for cheerleading's most coveted jewel. ESPN was one hand to cover the action which will be viewed nationwide when the show airs later this spring. It was a fitting stage for a competition and a sport that has grown dramatically over the past few years.

When the final outcome was announced, Kentucky had its fourth straight national title with a score of 926.5. Tennessee was second with 925.5. The University of Central Florida stunned experts by finishing third. Washington, another up and coming program, was fourth and LSU gave the SEC a third top-five finisher by placing fifth.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team and the support people who have contributed this year, including supervisors Susie Gorman and Col. Gene Moeller," head coach Joy Postell said. "The team overcame so much this year and a second place finish is awesome!"

Postell was not able to accompany the team because she and her husband are expecting their first child and her doctor would not let her make the trip. She listened to the announcement of Tennessee's second-place finish via cellular phone and talked to almost every member of the squad after the award ceremony.

The Tennessee program has been one of the best in the nation over the past five years under the direction of Postell. The Vols have moved up the ladder during her tenure, finishing third in 1998 and eighth in 1997. They built on a fourth-place finish in 1996 and started with a 12th place one in 1995, the first year Tennessee competed at UCA nationals.

With only six members of last year's squad returning, improving on last January's performance was going to be difficult.

Tennessee was one of eight teams to receive an automatic bid to the competition via videotaped submissions that reflected each squad's fundamental cheerleading skills and crowd involvement abilities.

Defending national champion Kentucky, as well as Ohio State, Ball State and Hawaii were regional winners. Alabama, North Carolina State and LSU joined the Vols as at-large teams. All received paid bids to the nationals competition.

Tennessee drew the 13th position in the competition order. To add to the Vols' stress, they had to perform immediately after Kentucky. The Wildcats have won the competition the three previous years.

The routine excited the crowd with a variety of skills that included a double-full basket by Britney Rothman, synchronized layout baskets by Rothman and Holly Williams, and an innovative belly-up pyramid. The Vols finished with their signature pyramid, the "Joe Wall."

The team had to overcome other obstacles on the way to Orlando. The squad was plagued with injuries during the two months prior to the competition; several key performers missed considerable practice time. The toughest injury came just days before the competition when Kris Killough dislocated his elbow during the last practice before the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. First-year graduate assistant Jason Miller took Killough's place at both the bowl and in the national competition.

The football team's appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl put added pressure on the squad because they spent most of the final week before the competition in Tempe, Ariz. Along with the busy schedule of bowl-related appearances, the team practiced every day at the bowl site. After the emotionally-draining national championship game against Florida State, the squad left Tempe at dawn Jan. 5 for the trip home. They cheered at the men's basketball game with LSU the evening of Jan. 6 and met at the airport at 5 a.m. Jan. 7 for the trip to Orlando. But more adversity struck.

After allowing Postell to maintain her rigorous practice schedule throughout the fall, her doctor finally intervened and would not let her make the trip to nationals the day before she was to leave. Barry Garner, a former UT cheerleader and member of Postell's first competition squad, went beyond his choreography challenge and served as the interim coach for Tennessee's trip to nationals. Garner made the sacrifice after being informed of the sudden changes Jan. 6.

Although their second-place finish was remarkable, the squad is already looking forward to next year and another chance to dethrone Kentucky. Check television listings in March and be sure to catch the Volunteers' outstanding performance on ESPN.

—Jeff Jacoby

(Jacoby, a member of the Vol Network, follows the Vol cheer squads each year to Orlando for the UCA Championship.)

1999 Tennessee Vols Cheer squad members include Emily Brock, Taylor Elfervig, Micah Hartsfield, Kim Ingram (captain), Joey Kaegi, Kris Killough, Andrew King, Kristi Kromer, Brian Lanius (co-captain), Tres LeTard, Christi Meadows (co-captain), Jason Miller, Bubba Poston (captain), Meagan Reid, Rebecca Rhodes, Lora Robichaux, Britney Rothman, Deric Watson and Holly Williams.
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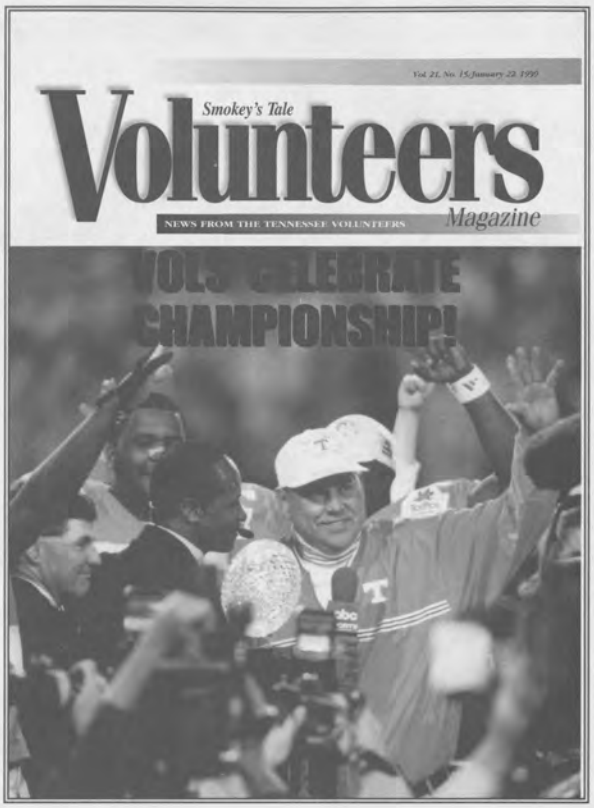

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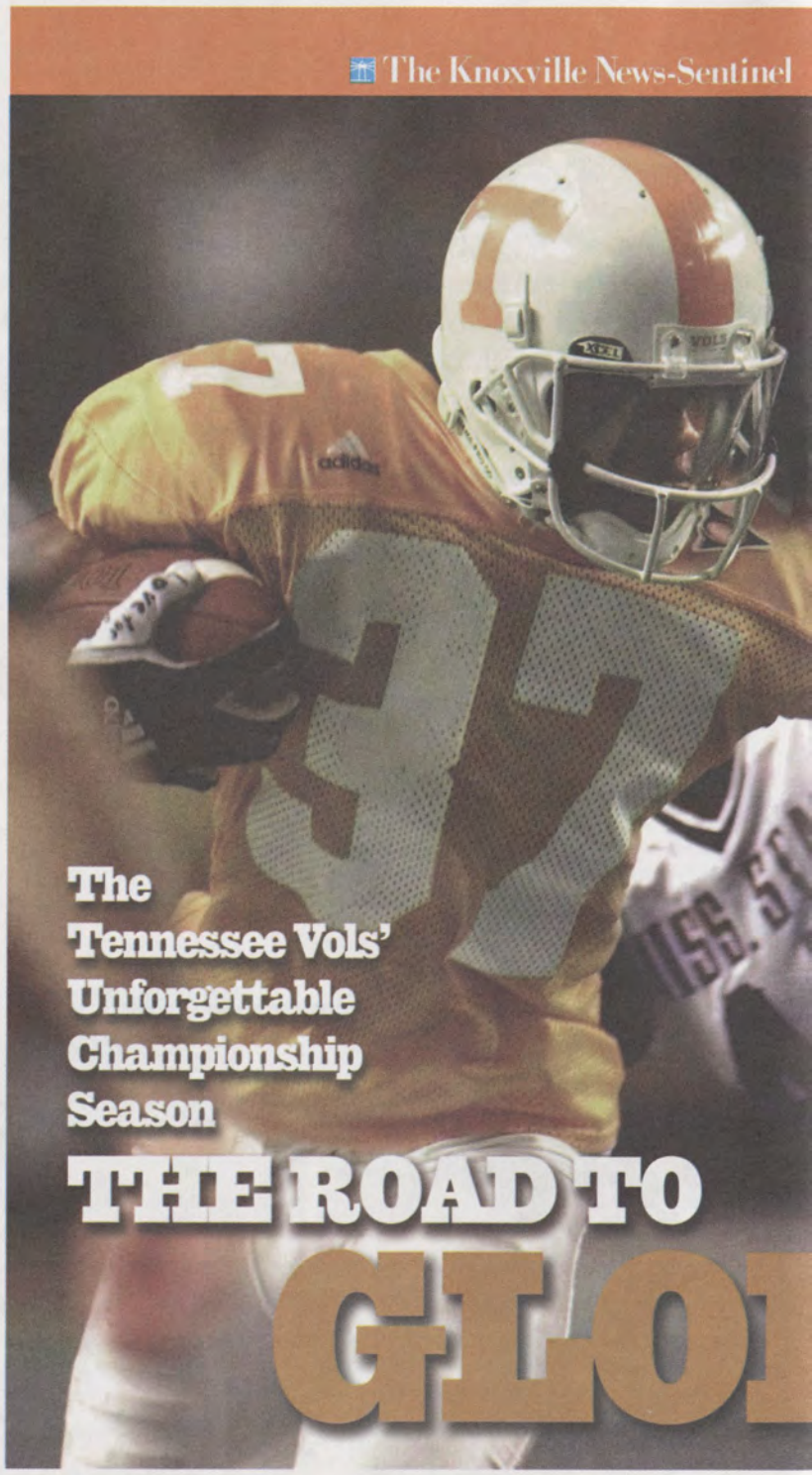

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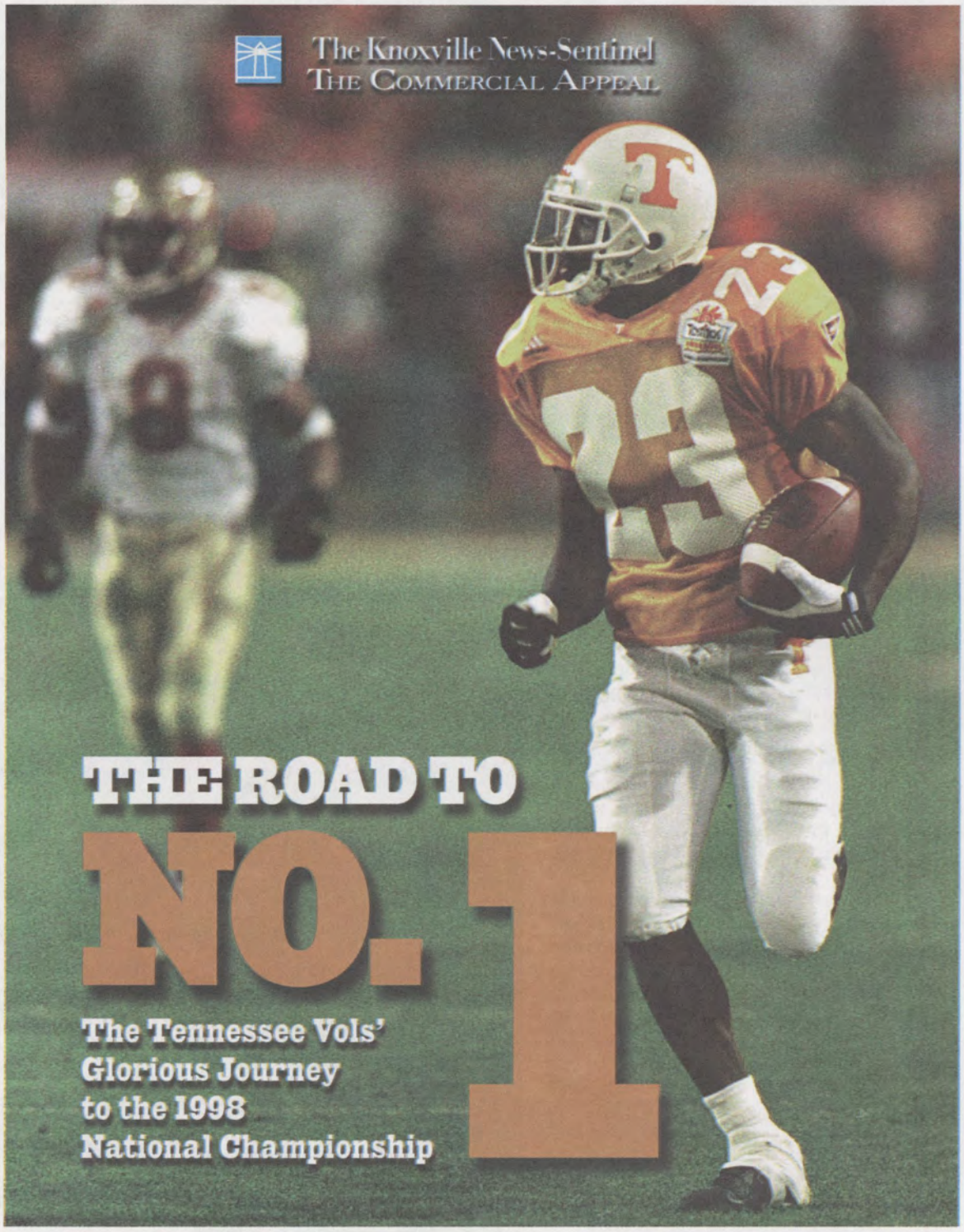

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From the Hardwood...
Vols Top Cats in Rupp

Perhaps one of the greatest weeks in Tennessee sports history was capped Jan. 12 in Rupp Arena.

Tennessee pulled out a 47-46 victory over No. 6 Kentucky to break a 20-game losing streak in Lexington. The win finished an nine-day stretch which saw the football team defeat Florida State for the national championship and the women's basketball team win over rival Connecticut in Storrs.

The victory also extended Tennessee's SEC winning streak to three games. The last win for the Vols in Lexington was Jan. 20, 1979, when they won 66-55 in Don DeVoe's first year at the helm.

The game this night was a defensive struggle for the beginning, and it took two last-minute defensive stands to secure the win.

Tennessee had gone on top 47-46 with 1:08 on the clock when Brandon Wharton hit his fourth 3-pointer of the night. Kentucky then had two possessions and four shots to regain the lead but could not convert.

On the first possession both Scott Padgett, who was limited to 2-of-9 shooting and seven points, and Heshimu Evans missed 3-pointers.

C.J. Black then had a chance to extend the Vols' lead but missed the front end one-and-one with 30 ticks on the clock.

The Wildcats had new life after Black's miss and called timeout with 9.2 seconds left to set up a final play. Wayne Turner, who led Kentucky with 13 points, missed a driving layup, and Black blocked Michael Bradley's put-back attempt.

The crowd of 23,909 was stunned.

"After I tipped the ball, it seemed like it took forever for it to come down," Black said. "This feels great. Now I can brag to my kids that we were the team in '99 that turned things around.

"This is the second time this year that we've played 40 minutes of hard-nosed basketball. The first time was against Pittsburgh, and we won that one, too. I never did have a feeling that we were going to lose tonight."

Black finished with seven points and eight rebounds, but freshman Vincent Yarbrough led the Vols on the boards with 12 and grabbed the loose ball at the end of the game.

"This is the reason I came to Tennessee," Yarbrough said. "I knew we had a chance to beat Kentucky. We have all the pieces to the puzzle. It's just a matter of playing hard every night.

"I don't know if any team can beat us when we play hard like this for 40 minutes and play together."

The game was most definitely a defensive struggle with both teams shooting 30 percent.

"I think 30 percent is misleading," Tennessee Coach Jerry Green said of the Vols' shooting accuracy. "That's not the important thing. The important thing is two outstanding defenses went against each other. I don't know if you saw many easy baskets out there. But I didn't see many easy baskets."

Two of the toughest baskets in the game were 3-pointers by Aaron Green and Tony Harris, who finished with 11 points.

With the score tied at 35, Green came off a screen and got the ball at the top of the key. He turned, shot and hit the bucket with two defenders in his face.

Brandon Wharton appears to have come out of his shooting slump leading the Vols to a win at Kentucky and scoring 18 against South Carolina. For his efforts, Wharton was named as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week.

The Vols did not score again until two minutes later when Harris hit a 3-pointer from nearly the same spot with Wildcats closely guarding him. That gave Tennessee a 41-39 lead.

The Vols' next basket also came via 3-point range when Wharton hit one from the right side with 3:43 left in the game. This game Tennessee a 44-41 lead.

Kentucky then scored the game's next five points on a Jamaal Magloire basket, and Padgett hit a 3-pointer to give the Cats a 46-44 lead with 2:37 to go.

This set the stage for Wharton's eventual game-winner. He misfired on his first 3-point attempt of the possession, but Yarbrough grabbed one of 19 offensive rebounds for Tennessee. The ball went right back to an open Wharton, and he drained the jumper.

"My shot felt good all night," Wharton said. "I got the ball back and had some room to shoot the second one. I thought my first one was good. I knew if I got another chance, I would make it."

"I don't know how to describe the win. This is my first road win against anybody in the SEC East. I knew from our demeanor we were ready to play. I lot of people didn't give us chance."

Tennessee opened its home SEC slate with wins over LSU and South Carolina.

Tony Harris (21 points) and Wharton (18) led the Vol attack against an outmanned Gamecocks in the Vols 86-57 thumping over South Carolina.

Against the LSU Tigers, the Vols used their experience and athleticism to dismantle a young Tiger squad that has nine new members. The Vols were led by Black's 17 points and Tony Harris' 14 points as the Vols evened their SEC record at 1-1 while improving to 9-4 on the season.

—Rob Hardin

TENNESSEE 47, KENTUCKY46

TENNESSEE (11-4, 3-1)

Wharton 5-14 0-1 14, Tony Harris 3-11 3-3 11, Black 2-9 2-3 7, Victor 3-5 0-0 6, Yarbrough 2-8 0-0 4, Green 1-5 0-0 3, Hathaway 1-2 0-2 2, Torrey Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Lee 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-56 5-9 47.

KENTUCKY (14-3, 3-1)

Turner 5-14 3-4 13, Magloire 4-7 2-4 10, Bradley 3-7 1-2 7, Padgett 2-9 2-2 7, Evans 1-9 2-2 4, Smith 1-4 0-0 3, Camara 1-1 0-0 2, Prince 0-1 0-0 0, Allison 0-1 0-0 0, Hogan 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 17-55 10-14 46.

Halftime—Tennessee 25, Kentucky 21. 3-Point goals—Tennessee 8-24 (Wharton 4-9, Tony Harris 2-6, Black 1-1, Green 1-4, Lee 0-1, Yarbrough 0-3), Kentucky 2-17 (Padgett 1-4, Smith 1-4, Turner 0-1, Prince 0-1, Hogan 0-2, Evans 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Tennessee 45 (Yarbrough 12), Kentucky 36 (Bradley 8).Assists—Tennessee 4 (Harris 2), Kentucky 5 (Padgett 3).Total fouls—Tennessee 17, Kentucky 12. A—23,909.

TENNESSEE 86, S. CAROLINA 57

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-9, 0-3)

Ross 0-3 0-0 0, McKie 5-9 4-4 16, Lucas 1-4 0-0 2, Bradley 2-4 3-4 9, Rouse 2-3 2-2 6, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Gallman 1-2 0-1 2, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Nix 1-3 3-4 5, Williams 2-11 2-4 6, Kinloch2-5 2-3 6, Grant 1-8 1-2 3. Totals 18-55 15-22 57.

TENNESSEE (10-4, 2-1)

Yarbrough 2-4 0-0 5, Black 2-6 2-3 6, Tor Harris 3-5 0-0 6, Wharton 7-10 0-0 18, Ton Harris 7-12 4-4 21, Austin 0-0 1-2 1, Lee 4-7 1-1 10, Baker 2-2 0-0 6, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Victor 2-2 2-2 6, Green 1-1 0-0 3, Hathaway 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 31-53 12-14 86.

Halftime - Tennessee 39, South Carolina 26. 3-point goals - South Carolina 6-16 (Ross 0-2, McKie 2-2, Lucas 0-1, Bradley 2-4, Rouse 2-2,Grant 0-5), Tennessee 12-23 (Ton Harris 3-6, Wharton 4-7, Yarbrough 1-3, Lee 1-3, Baker 2-2, Black 0-1, Green 1-1). Fouled out - none. Rebounds - South Carolina 28 (Johnson 6), Tennessee 39 (Tor Harris 7, Black 7). Assists - South Carolina 7 (Johnson 2, Nix 2), Tennessee 18 (Wharton 4, Yarbrough 4). Total Fouls - South Carolina 17, Tennessee 20. A - 16,631.

TENNESSEE 93, LSU 58

LSU (8-3, 0-2)

Beshara 3-12 0-0 7, Carter 3-15 3-4 9, Smith 8-14 8-8 20, Anderson 2-7 0-0 4, Cooper 0-2 2-2 2, Mance 2-3 2-2 6, Wolfe 0-1 0-0 0, William 2-5 0-0 5, Ledoux 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 20-64 16-18 58.

TENNESSEE (9-4, 1-1)

Black 5-10 7-7 17, Yarbrough 1-3 0-0 3, Tor. Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Wharton 3-4 0-0 7, Ton. Harris 5-8 0-0 14, Lee 4-11 2-3 12, Green 2-4 2-2 6, Austin 1-2 0-0 2, Baker 1-5 0-0 2, Davis 2-3 2-2 8, Victor 4-7 4-4 12, Hathaway 2-6 6-6 10. Totals 30-63 23-24 93.

Halftime--Tennessee 50, LSU 18. 3-point goals--LSU 2-16 (Beshara 1-2, Carter 0-4, Smith 0-2, Anderson 0-4, Cooper 0-1, William 1-2, Ledoux 0-1), Tennessee 10-22 (Black 0-1, Yarbrough 1-2, Wharton 1-2, Ton. Harris 4-6, Lee 2-4, Green 0-1, Baker 0-4, Davis 2-2). Fouled out--Beshara. Rebounds--LSU 37 (Smith 10), Tennessee 41 (Black 10). Assists--LSU 14 (Beshara 3, Wolfe 3), Tennessee 21 (Ton. Harris 6). Total fouls--LSU 18, Tennessee 14. A--12,845.

1998-99 TENNESSEE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W-L	UT-OPP	Date	Opponent	W-L	UT-OPP
11/ 5	CALIFORNIA ALL-STARS (Exh.)	W	83-75	1/ 12	at Kentucky (ESPN)	W	47-46
11/ 9	HUNGARIAN NATIONAL (Exh.)	W	90-71	1/20	GEORGIA		7:30 PM
11/ 13	Arizona* (ESPN)	L	72-73	1/ 23	at Florida (JP)		1:00 PM
11/ 15	TENNESSEE STATE	W	91-69	1/ 27	at Vanderbilt (JP)		8:00 PM
11/17	CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE	W	83-64	1/ 30	ALABAMA (FOX SS)		6:00 PM
11/19	at Miami (Ohio) (FOX SS)	L	62-68	2/ 2	at Arkansas (ESPN)		9:30 PM
11/ 24	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	W	85-74	2/6	MISSISSIPPI STATE		7:30 PM
11/30	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	84-41	2/ 10	FLORIDA (JP)		8:00 PM
12/ 2	MEMPHIS	W	68-67	2/ 13	VANDERBILT		7:30 PM
12/6	PITTSBURGH	W	56-53	2/17	at Mississippi (JP)		8:00 PM
12/10	at St. Joseph's	L	53-55	2/ 20	at South Carolina (JP)		3:00 PM
12/ 19	at South Florida (ESPN)	W	75-69 (OT)	2/ 23	at Georgia (ESPN)		9:30 PM
12/22	UNC-GREENSBORO (FOX SS)	W	92-60	2/28	KENTUCKY (CBS)		NOON
1/ 2	at Auburn	L	62-90	March4-7 SEC TOURNAMENT@ Atlanta			TBA
1/ 6	LSU	W	93-58	* Thrifty Car Rental BCA Classic at Albuquerque, N.M.			
1/9	SOUTH CAROLINA (JP)	W	86-57	All Times Eastern & subject to change			

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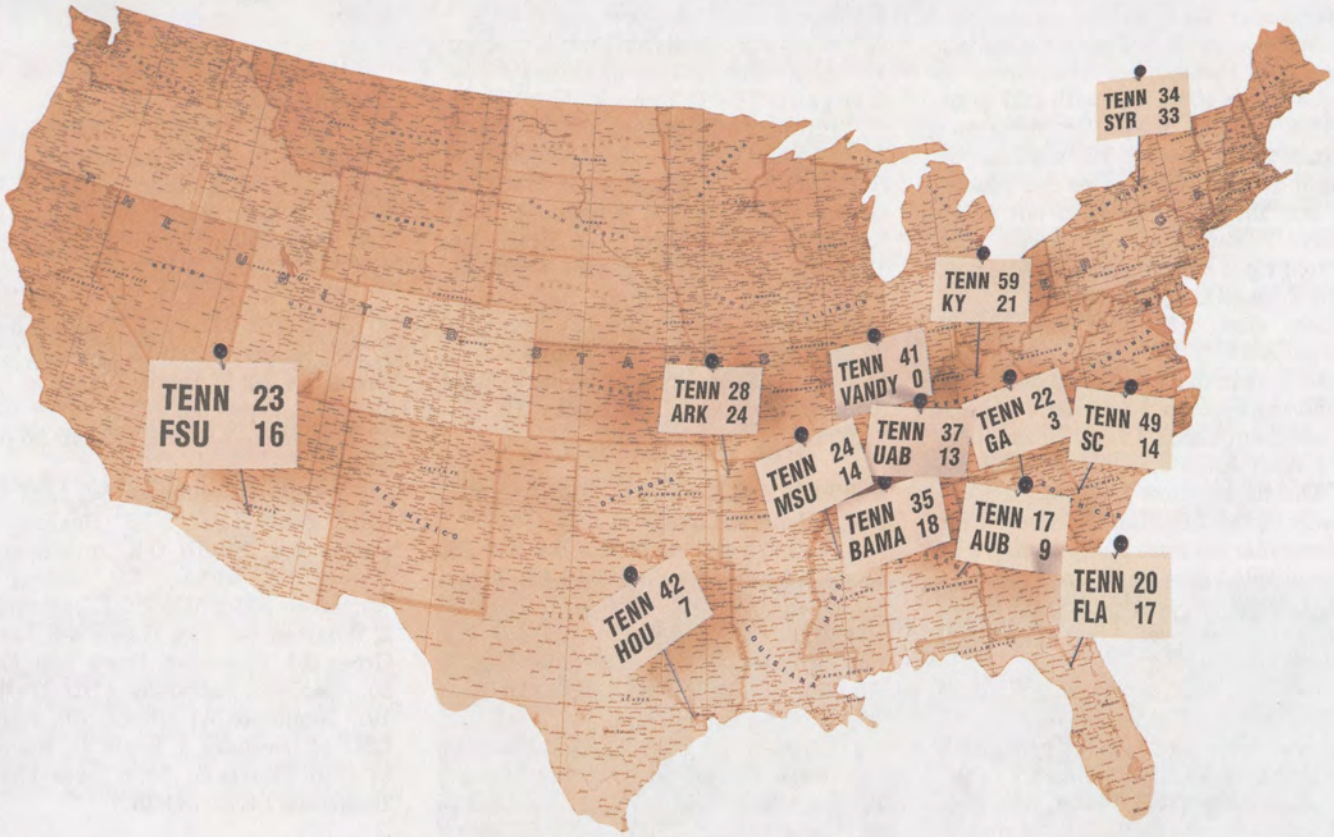

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Lady Vol Hoop News...
Huskies Home Streak Snapped at 50

A lot has happened since the beginning of the new year, and the men's teams are not the only ones to reap the benefits. The Lady Vol basketball team faced some stiff competition, as they traveled to New York to face Rutgers, then they faced South Carolina at home, then on the road to UCONN and finally a trip home to face No. 4 Georgia. What they ended up with made for a remarkable week in UT athletics.

Against UCONN, then the No. 1 team in the land, the game waged on like a chess match between two well-known foes. Who would blink? Who would make the critical mistake that would cost them the game?

Tennessee used great shot selections to offset the turnovers they were committing, and they limited the Huskies on offensive glass where the Lady Vols outrebounded UCONN 29-16 on the Huskies end of the court. UCONN also shot 41.1 percent from the floor.

Each team sized up the other with each trip down the floor. Chamique Holdsclaw and Semeka Randall seemed to be everywhere, as they both went for 25 points on the evening. Randall was booed each time she touched the ball and each time she seemed to get more and more fired up. As for Holdsclaw, hitting for 25 is what you would expect from your All-America player, but this night she did it with a touch of the flu and did all of her scoring in 30-minutes of play. At one point in the first half Holdsclaw was on the bench for almost four minutes. But Randall stepped up big and the Huskies could get no closer than one point, 22-21, and the Lady Vols responded each time and led by six at the half (42-36).

In the first half Tennessee used just about everyone to thwart UCONN rallies as freshman Michelle Snow collected three rebounds, while fellow freshman Shalon Pillow hit her only shot from the floor and registered two points. Sophomore Kristen "Ace" Clement tallied six first half points and had one steal, but was part of a nine turnover (she had two) half for the Lady Vols. Senior Kellie Jolly played 38 minutes and was solid at the point dishing a team-high seven assists and collecting two steals. Surprisingly, at least to UCONN, she also grabbed six defensive rebounds as the Huskies did not block her out from the boards.

The second half went much the same way as the first as both teams kept trading baskets. For ten minutes both teams kept moving and counter-moving and Tennessee could never pull away from the Huskies. With Tennessee leading 65-63 UCONN then made a move to take the lead as they notched the score at 65 two Husky free throws. The Huskies first lead did not come until the 6:46 mark as they led by one at 68-67, but it was a short lead. Tennessee responded with Holdsclaw hitting a free throw and then a jumper to regain the lead.

The Huskies then countered and took a 73-72 lead with 4:44 remaining. The lead would be there last as Holdsclaw would do what she has done so many times before, took over. If she was not scoring she was rebounding, dishing out assists and flat out getting it done. She did not do it alone as the Lady Vols exploded with a barrage of jumpers (Tamika Catchings to give Tennessee the lead for good at 76-74) and defensive rebounds. The Huskies were forced to put up wild and off-balance shots which Tennessee responded with a Catchings three-pointer and jumpers again by Catchings, Randall and Teresa Geter. To end this chess match Tennessee took advantage of some sloppy defense to drive into the lane and hit easy layups and end UCONN's 50-game home winning streak in the 92-81 victory. With the win Tennessee evened the series at four games apiece and as a result of the win regained the No.1 ranking. This chess match could likely be replayed come.

Georgia came calling on the Lady Vols and not only faced the No. 1 team in the country but also a crowd of 22,635, fifth-largest crowd ever to watch the Lady Vols, and that seemed to spark Tennessee.

The Lady Vols shot out to a 12-4 lead at the first break in action as Georgia hit only one of their first eight shots from the floor. Holdsclaw led the charge as she was finding holes the Bulldog defense to make some easy baskets on her way to 25-point performance. The ease of many of her baskets is reflected in her 11-for-15 shooting from the floor. She was able to dictate her shot selection.

If it was not Holdsclaw's shooting, then it was Randall's aggressive play and energy that helped to spark a defense that forced 20 Georgia turnovers and held the Bulldogs to a 34.8 percent shooting night (23-for-66).

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Georgia did manage to make some shots fall behind the twin sisters of Coco and Kelly Miller, who each finished with 15 points, but they still could not keep the tempo at which they are accustomed to making teams run.

Coach Summitt said in her post-game press conference that Georgia liked to run an up-tempo game, but it appeared in this race they just did not have enough bodies to finish the job. Tennessee led at the half by eight, 45-37, but you could tell the pressure was wearing on the Bulldogs.

The second half could not have been scripted any better as the Lady Vols hit 16 of their first 22 shots and shot 64.7 percent from the floor in the second half (22-for-34). The lead quickly swelled from eight to 16 with just a little over two minutes into the second half as baskets by Catchings, two three-point plays by Jolly and Randall and a Jolly layup sealed Georgia's fate.

From their Tennessee kept up the pressure and at the 12-minute mark, the lead was 20, 67-47. Snow got into the scoring act as she found the shooting touch hitting shots from 15-feet out which stretched the Georgia defense. Snow finished with nine points on the evening and had she not missed one of her free throws would have been in double figures. She also pulled down six defensive rebounds.

As the lead swelled fans hung around to see if the Lady Vols would hit the century mark. With 5:21 to go, Geter hit a lay-up to make it 90-58. In a little over a minute, the Lady Vols were charged with three fouls and could not hit their shots. With 1:36 remaining, Tennessee needed four points to make the 100-point mark, leading 96-69. Walk-on Sarah Edwards, from Sevier County, canned two free throws and then off a missed shot, eased in under the Bulldog defense to top the century mark, 100-69. Butts capped the evening with a short jumper make the final margin 102-69.

Tennessee faced a tough Kentucky Wildcat team at TBA on UT Alumni Day as former Lady Vol basketballers returned to Knoxville. Tennessee held a slim 7-point lead at the half, but exploded in the second half. The Wildcats went almost 12 minutes without a rebound in the second half as Tennessee won going away 98-60, as Holdsclaw scored 32 points to lead the attack. Randall chipped in 19 as the Lady Vols get set to make a trip to Old Dominion at the time this magazine went to press.

TENNESSEE 92, UCONN 81

UCONN (13-1)

Cash 8-11 3-4 19, Abrosimova 3-12 5-6 11, Sauer 4-8 2-2 10, Walters 3-14 0-2 9, Duran 1-3 0-0 3, Jones 4-11 2-3 10, Hansmeyer 2-3 0-0 4, Ralph 4-9 2-2 11, Williams 1-2 2-3 4. Totals 30-73 16-22 81.

TENNESSEE (13-1)

Holdsclaw 12-17 1-2 25, Catchings 6-9 4-6 18, Snow 0-2 0-2 0, Jolly 2-9 2-3 6, Randall 10-18 5-5 25, Butts 0-0 0-0 0, Clement 3-6 1-2 7, Geter 3-7 3-4 9, Pillow 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-69 16-24 92.

Halftime--Tennessee 42, UCONN 36. 3-point goals--Tennessee 2-10 (Holdsclaw 0-1, Catchings 2-3, Jolly 0-2, Randall 0-1, Clement 0-3), UCONN 5-18 (Abrosimova 0-1, Sauer 0-1, Walters 3-11, Duran 1-2, Hansmeyer 0-1, Ralph 1-2)). Fouled out--Abrosimova. Rebounds--Tennessee 47, (Holdsclaw 9), UCONN 32 (Jones 7). Assists--TENNESSEE 13 (Jolly 7), UCONN 17 (Abrosimova 7). Total fouls--Tennessee 18, UCONN 23. A--10,027.

TENNESSEE 102, GEORGIA 69

GEORGIA (14-1, 3-1)

Nolan 3-10 0-0 6, Ball 3-4 0-0 6, McDonald 4-8 2-3 10, K. Miller 5-15 6-6 17, C, Miller 5-15 3-6 13, Irwin-Osbolt 1-2 3-3 6, Brown 0-3 3-4 3, Murphy 1-3 0-0 2, Vishniakova 1-5 4-4 6, Willis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-66 21-26 69.

TENNESSEE (14-1, 4-0)

Holdsclaw 11-15 3-4 25, Catchings 7-13 3-4 17, Geter 5-10 4-4 14, Jolly 3-6 2-2 9, Randall 6-8 2-3 14, Snow 4-4 1-3 9, Butts 1-4 2-2 4, Canon 0-1 0-0 0, Edwards 1-1 2-2 4, Clement 1-4 2-2 4, Pillow 1-2 0-0 2.Totals 40-68 21-26 102.

Halftime--Tennessee 45, Georgia 37. 3-Point goals--Georgia 2-8 (Nolan 0-1, K. Miller 1-2, C. Miller 0-2, Irwin-Osbolt 1-1, Brown 0-1, Murphy 0-1), Tennessee 1-9 (Holdsclaw 0-1, Catchings 0-4, Jolly 1-2, Clement 0-2). Fouled out--McDonald. Rebounds--Georgia 33 (McDonald 5), Tennessee 45 (Geter 7, Holdsclaw 7). Assists--Georgia 10 (K. Miller 6), Tennessee 17 (Jolly 5). Total fouls--Georgia 24, Tennessee 23. A--22,635.

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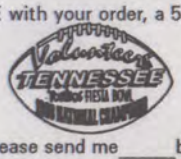

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Saturday the stage is set for the annual Orange and White football game at Neyland Stadium. A time has not been set for the game and details will be forthcoming.

SWIM REUNION

On Jan. 30 the UT swimming and diving squad will hold its' 10-year reunion prior to the meet with the Georgia Bulldogs at the Student Aquatic Center. Interested parties should contact the swimming office at (423) 974-1258.

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On Jan. 20, four honorary members were officially honored at halftime of the men's basketball game between Tennessee and Georgia. UT President Dr. Joe Johnson, Assoc. Athletic Director for Sports Information Haywood Harris, Sgt. James Rowan, and former Vol Network announcer George Mooney received plaques and were introduced as new honorary members into the T-Club.

TRACK AND FIELD REUNION

Track and field members need to make a note that on the weekend of the Sea Ray Relays (April 8-10), you are invited to attend a reunion in your honor. Special attention will be paid to the 1974 NCA Track and Field Championship Team. There are tentative plans to have a social on Friday, April 9 and a breakfast on Saturday morning, April 10. Those needing more information please call (423) 974-1256. Hotel arrangements can be made by calling the Holiday Inn World's Fair at (423) 522-2800.

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We hope that we can have the same success in 1999, but again it takes everyone to make things happen. We want you to remain involved with the University and with the Lettermen's Club to make 1999 the very best that it can be.

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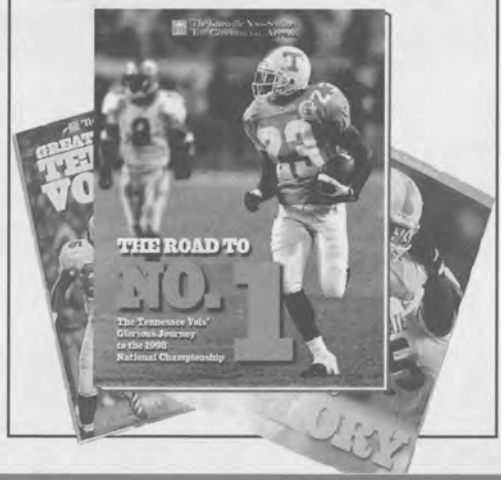

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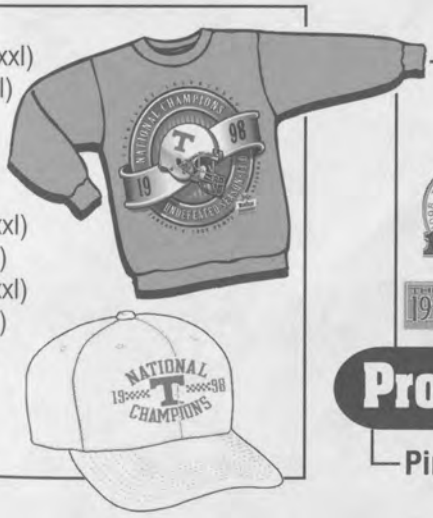

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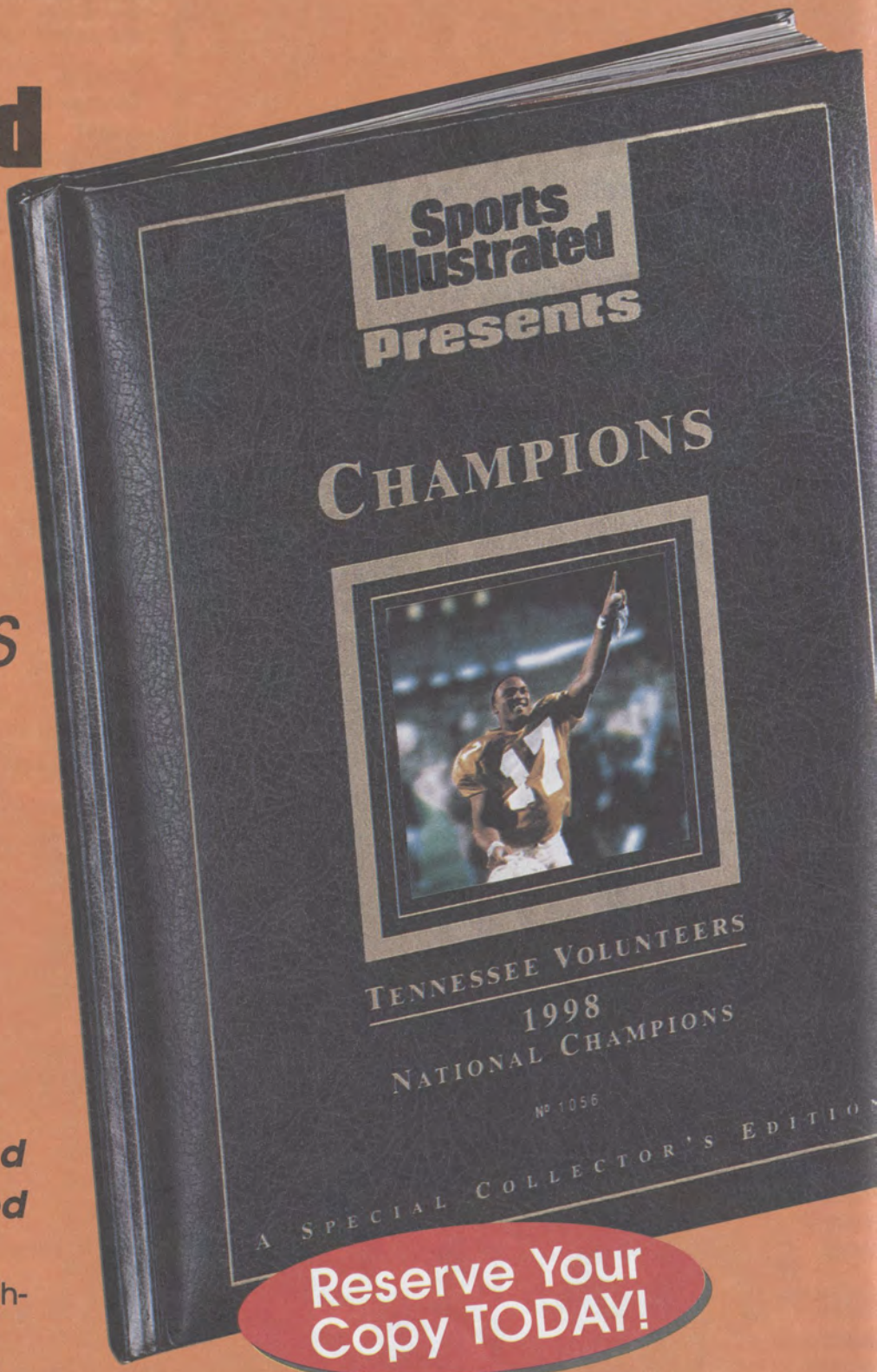

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Faces in Big Orange Country

A five-year captain at Murray State University, **Jason Miller** is now a graduate assistant for the Vol Cheer Squad. He came to Tennessee with experience and a love for the sport. He was a two-time winner of the Ginger Adams Most Spirited Cheerleader Award voted on by the UCA (United Cheerleading Association) staff. He also has spent two seasons as a UCA Instructor for summer camps. Jason cheers because he believes that "it is the most challenging sport that I have ever been involved in and because of all of the people and opportunities it has brought into my life." Jason had a great opportunity to be involved with a squad that this year placed second in the nation.

Lady Vol diver **Lizzy Flynt**, a transfer from Auburn University, has stepped onto her new squad with the same success she saw last season. To begin the year, Flynt recorded two first-place finishes, claiming the crown on the one-meter springboard at the Georgia Diving Invitational and on the three-meter versus Michigan. She currently holds the best score of the season on the three-meter board in dual action and sits at third on the Lady Vol all-time list of performers. The sophomore pre-med major from Auburn, Ala., earned All-America honors during her freshman year with the Tigers. She placed third on the platform at the 1998 NCAA Championships, establishing a new Auburn record. She also finished second on the tower at the SEC Championships, just behind current teammate Kathy Pesek.

As a junior, **Vegas Davis** has experienced both the highs and lows of the Vol basketball program. Last season Davis was an important part of a 20-9 campaign that sent the Vols back to the NCAA Tournament. Davis filled in admirably when injuries befell the Vol program, which included cutting his season short with a knee injury that caused him to miss 11 games. This season Davis is coming off the bench to provide the Vols with quality depth at both a forward and guard position. The versatile athlete from Parker, Ariz., scored a career-high 23 points last season in a game against Souther Cal. This season Davis is averaging 1.9 points and 1.9 boards a game and has five steals in 12 games.

Sophomore **Semeka Randall** has become a major force for the Lady Volunteers as of late, scoring 18 points against Rutgers in Madison Square Garden on her way to being named Minolta Player of the Game. Against No. 1 UConn, Randall netted 25 points and tied her career high in a hard-fought 92-81 victory in Storrs, Conn. After 14 contests, the speech communications major is averaging 13.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per outing. In addition, she has scored in double figures in eight of the 14 games played to date. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Randall competed for USA Basketball last summer and was named to the 1998 Street & Smith's pre-season All America team.

The Last Word...

Looking Back: The 1978-79 Hoops Season

It hardly seems like 20 years ago, but it was in the 1978-79 season when rookie head coach Don DeVoe came to Knoxville, assembled a 21-12 record and won the first NCAA Tournament game in the school's history. It was back in the days the Vols played before packed houses in Stokely Athletics Center and ESPN was barely a gleam in someone's eye in Bristol, Conn.

The Vols were coming off an 11-16 record the previous season when AD Bob Woodruff tapped DeVoe, coming off stints at Virginia Tech and Wyoming, as the Tennessee's new head coach. Nobody knew what to expect, but what they got was nothing short of amazing.

Tennessee hoops fans saw DeVoe pull the neatest bit of trickery since the famed Harry Houdini's heyday in turning the Vols back into a conference powerhouse. Stokely Center rocked and rolled that season, with a 101-84 victory over Kentucky nearly bringing the house Ray Mears built to its foundations. There was excitement nearly every time out that winter.

DeVoe took the remnants of the 1977-78 team, added freshmen Steve Ray, as in "Ray in the way," according to John Ward, and the mercurial Gary Carter, and surprised nearly everyone by going 12-6 in the conference, finishing second to LSU and winning the SEC Tournament.

Ray came to the Vols from Collinsville, Ill., and became one of the Vols' most popular players ever with his all-out style of play. Carter, from Johnson City, proved to be a dependable scorer and capable defender and got most of his points in bunches. He, too, became a crowd favorite. They were a more than capable pair of rookies.

In addition to Ray and Carter, there were such Vol stalwarts as Reggie Johnson, Terry Crosby, Johnny Darden, Howard Wood, Kevin Nash (in his pre-pro wrestling days), Chuck Threeths, and Bert Bertlekamp in Orange and White. Johnson averaged 21.6 points, while Crosby averaged 14.1 and Carter 10.9. Johnson is the fourth leading scorer in Tennessee history with 2103 points and played on the 1977 SEC championship team with some guys named King, Grunfeld, Jackson and Darden.

Crosby scored 1096 points during his career and was a solid performer whenever he stepped on the court. Darden, named the "Mud Dauber" by one TV commentator for his play at the point, had 715 assists for his career, far and above anybody else. Wood was a valuable swingman, who had the game-winner in the 1980 Kentucky game from the right baseline, south end of Stokely, a game in which DeVoe had suspended Johnson and Threeths. Nash is perhaps better known as a professional grappler, AKA "Diesel," "Big Sexy" and other such appellations. Threeths was a capable role player inside and Bertlekamp ran the team from the point after Darden left.

The Vols survived one killer stretch in which they played Kentucky, Vanderbilt and LSU, all on the road, all within a five-day period, and, get this, won two of the three contests. Just for the record, the Vols beat Kentucky three times that season, the latter game winning the reborn SEC tourney at Birmingham. You might win a bar bet by asking what coach beat Kentucky three times in the same season. And in his first year.

DeVoe remembers it a magical-type year, one in which all of the pieces fell together in exactly the right way. "It was an exciting time for me, a fun year of coaching," he said in mid-January. "No one really expected this team to be a winning one, but it was competitive. We were blessed to have some good athletes on this team and really picked it up with the recruitment of Steve Ray and Gary Carter. It far surpassed my expectations."

The Vols opened tentatively, with a win over Biscayne and a lop-sided loss at Louisville. The low ebb came when Xavier pulled out a 51-50 win in the finals of the Vol Classic, Vol Classic titles being the exclusive provence of the Vols every year save one since Mears started it back in 1966-67. That, according to DeVoe, was a turning point of the season.

"This was the same team that had lost to Xavier in the finals of the Vol Classic," he said. "That loss made us work all that harder and more together. The team had to respond down the stretch run and it did. It was a scenario you'd really like to have as a first-year coach."

After the loss to Xavier, the Vols won the Cable Car Classic and won once in three tries in the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii. The SEC slate saw the Vols win 12 of 18 games, including sweeps of Kentucky and Vanderbilt. It was a fun time to be a Vol fan.

Don DeVoe struck it rich in his first season as Vol head coach, winning the SEC Tournament and garnering the school's first NCAA win. He is now head coach at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"We knew we had to win the SEC tournament to make the NCAAs," DeVoe said. "That put some pressure on us. It was a great win that put us in the NCAAs. That was an exciting time. I'll never forget the crowd and the effort we had at Murfreesboro when we went up against Eastern Kentucky and Notre Dame."

In short, it was an unforgettable season, one in which the Vols defied the odds to be successful. It was a time Vol fans remember fondly. It was quite a beginning for DeVoe at Tennessee. No one has given this team a name yet, but their memory lingers on, even 20 years later.

— Tom Mattingly

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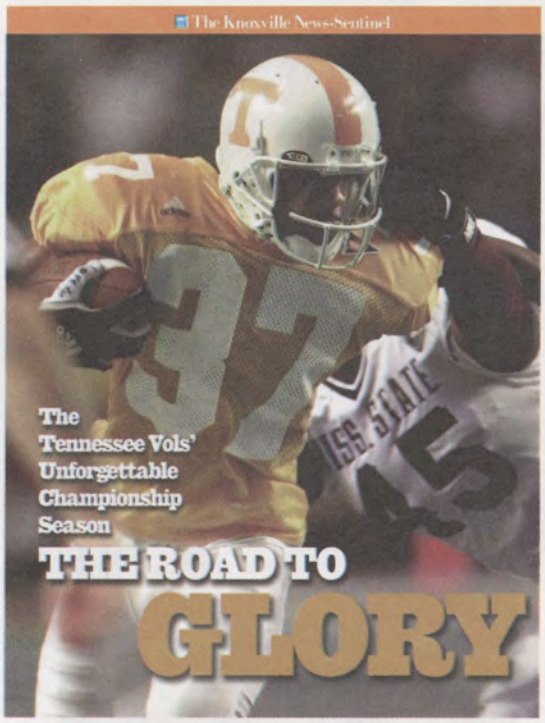

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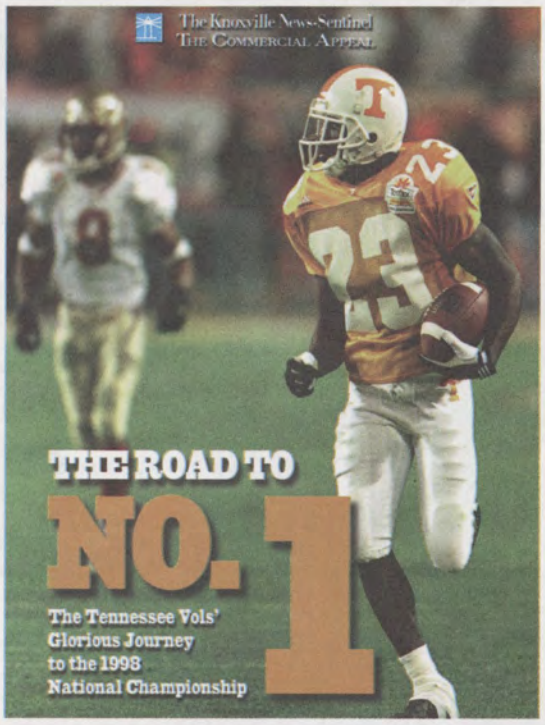

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